

Embassy of the United States of America Madrid, Spain

Demonstration Notice – September 20, 2012

POSSIBLE BARCELONA DEMONSTRATION PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

Planned and spontaneous demonstrations may take place in Spain, especially in Madrid and Barcelona, in response to economic or other events. If you encounter a large public gathering or demonstration, the U.S. Embassy suggests that you avoid the area. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution in the vicinity of any demonstrations.

The organization La Fede Pak Catalan has called for a prayer meeting on Friday, September 21, beginning at 12:00. The event is planned to take place along Passeig Lluis Companys De Barcelona, around the Arc de Triomf. The Government of Catalunia has not authorized a demonstration by the group. La Fede Pak Catalan leadership has expressed its commitment to a non-violent prayer.

The U.S. Embassy encourages U.S. citizens to review "A Safe Trip Abroad," which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. All U.S. citizens in Spain are urged to enroll online at the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Enrolling gives U.S. Citizens access to updated information on travel and security within Spain and makes it easier for the Embassy to contact citizens in case of emergency. You can also download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips.

Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or a regular toll line at-1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). You can also stay up to date by bookmarking our Bureau of Consular Affairs website, which contains the current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts as well as the Worldwide Caution as well as Country Specific Information for Spain. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well.

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